

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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CERTIFIED WAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Alpine Equipment Corporation 865 Pleasant View Boulevard Bellefonte, PA. 16823

Attention: Mr. Wilhelm J. Kogelmann, President

Re: Centre County Kepone Superfund Site, State College, PA

Dear Mr. Kogelmann:

The purpose of this letter is to obtain certain information in connection with the Centre County Kepone Superfund Site (Site) located in State College, Pennsylvania.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is continuing its investigation into the source, extent and nature of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment at the Site. This investigation involves, among other things, an inquiry into the past and present ownership of the Site and operators of the Site. EPA believes that you might possess information which may assist the Agency in its investigation based on the following:

By Assignment and Note Purchase Agreement dated January 26, 1979, (Book 143, Pg 75) the College Township Industrial Development Authority (CTIDA) agreed to sell a 4.2 acre parcel, including a building, at 350 Struble Road, State College, Pa., near the intersection of First Avenue and Struble Road to A.E.C., Inc. Thereafter by Deed dated December 9, 1983, (Book 419, Pg 967) the CTIDA and A.E.C., Inc., joined together as Co-Grantors of the same parcel to the Excavating and Tunneling Equipment Corporation. See enclosed map and title tree.

In order to complete this portion of our investigation, EPA needs to review any and all activities of A.E.C., Inc. at the Site during its January 26, 1979 through December 9, 1983 involvement with the 4.2 acre parcel described above. Therefore, you are required to provide the following information concerning that time period:

1. Other than any remedial actions that may have been performed by the Ruetgers Nease Corporation, describe all activities/operations that were conducted at the 4.2 acre portion

of the Site. For each and every activity/operation, this description should include:

- a. type of activity/operation conducted;
- b. start and end dates involved;
- c. name, address and phone number of the individual or company conducting the activity/operation;
- d. type of legal instrument (lease, etc.) that granted the individual or company permission to occupy and/or operate at this portion of the Site;
- e. occupant's knowledge of the hazardous substances present at the Site;
- f. condition of the 4.2 acre parcel prior to occupancy;
- g. any and all changes made to the 4.2 acre parcel as a result of the activity/operation conducted;
- h. precautions taken to prevent any contamination that could be initiated by changes made to 4.2 acre parcel.
- 2. Provide a copy of all documentation -- with the exception of the deeds and agreements cited in paragraph 2 of this letter -- between A.E.C., Inc. and all parties that conducted activities/operations at the 4.2 acre parcel.
- 3. Identify the types and annual quantities of wastes generated by the activities/operations conducted at the parcel.
- 4. For each of the wastes described in response to question #3 above, provide the method of treatment and/or disposal used. For those wastes treated and/or disposed of offsite, provide the names and addresses of the transporters and treatment/disposal facilities used. For those wastes treated and/or disposed of onsite, describe any permitting or other Federal, State or local approval process which allowed the performance of the treatment and disposal.
- 5. Provide any additional information which describes the actions taken by A.E.C., Inc. regarding the 4.2 acre parcel.

Authority to require submission of this type of information has been given to EPA by Congress under Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e).

Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604, authorizes EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with that section or for failure to respond adequately to required submissions of information. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

As used in this letter, the term "documents" means: writings (handwritten, typed or otherwise produced or reproduced) and includes, but is not limited to, any invoices, checks, receipts, bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, correspondence, offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, books of original entry, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or daily entries, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, charts, maps, photographs, drawings, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific study or investigation, schedules, price lists, telegrams, teletypes, phono-records, magnetic voice or video records, tapes, summaries, magnetic tapes, punch cards, recordings, discs, computer printouts, or other data compilations from which information can be obtained or translated.

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering all or any part of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Please note the limitations on the types of information that can properly be claimed as confidential under CERCLA, which are specified in section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(7). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If a claim of business confidentiality is not asserted at the time the required information is submitted to EPA, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

EPA may contract with one or more of the following independent contracting firms to review the documentation, including documents which you claim are confidential business information ("CBI") which you submit in response to this information request, depending on available agency resources. The contractor will be filing, organizing, analyzing and/or summarizing the information for agency personnel. EPA's contractors are: CDM-Federal Programs Corporation, Dynamac Corporation, CH2MHill, Black & Veatch Waste Science and Technology Corporation, TetraTech, Inc., Ecology & Environment, Inc., Halliburton NUS Corporation (formerly known as Halliburton NUS Environmental Corporation), Environmental Technology, Inc., and Roy F. Weston, Inc. operating under contract numbers

68-W9-0004; 68-W9-0005, 68-W8-0090, 68-W8-0091, 68-W8-0092, 68-W8-0085, 68-W8-0037, 68-S2-3002, and 68-W0-0036, respectively. These contractors have signed a contract with EPA that contains a confidentiality clause with respect to CBI that they handle for EPA. Section 104 of CERCLA, and EPA's regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 2.310 provide that EPA may share such CBI with contractors. If you have any objection to disclosure by EPA of documents which you claim are CBI to any or all of these entities, you must notify EPA at the address listed below at the time you submit such documents.

EFA requires that your company respond in writing, to the address specified below, within 20 calendar days of your receipt of this letter. The response must be signed by an appropriately authorised official of A.E.C., Inc. If, for any reason, you do not provide all information responsive to this letter, in your answer to EPA you must: (1) describe specifically what was not provided, (2) supply to EPA a clear identification of the document(s) not provided, and (3) provide to EPA an appropriate reason why the document(s) was not provided.

All documents and information should be sent to:

Mary Anne Daly U.S. Environmental Protection Agency PRP Search Section (3HW11) 841 Chestnut Building Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

This required submission of information is not subject to the approval requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501, et seq.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Daly at (215) 597-8981 or Mr. Frank Klanchar (215) 597-8186. Legal questions may be referred to Ms. Pamela Lazos at (215) 597-8504.

Sincerely,

Larry S. Miller, Chief PRP Search Section

Enclosures

cc: Frank Klanchar (3HW24)
Pamela Lazos (3RC22)
Don Becker, PADER



